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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF MAPS OF INDONESIA

REF: STATE 238954 DATED 7 DECEMBER 1973

1. SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY (DMA) FURNISH FOR RELEASE TO LOCAL AMERICAN-CONTROLLED MINING COMPANY SIX SHEETS IRIAN JAYA MAPS IN 1501 AIR SERIES, SCALE 1:250,000. END SUMMARY.

2. ROBERT D MITTON, CAMP MANAGER, AND COLIN C BROOKS, CONSULTING GEOLOGIST, CALLED AT EMBASSY JULY 1 REPRESENTING THREE MINING COMPANIES BASED IN INDONESIA IN WHICH NEWMONT OF THE U.EAM HAS 40 PERCENT INTEREST AND IS OPERATING PARTNER: P T PANIAI LAKE MINERALS, P T BALIEM VALLEY MINERALS, AND P T ACEH MINERALS CORPORATION. THEY INQUIRED RE AVAILABILITY MAPS OF IRIAN JAYA WHICH WOULD BE USEFUL IN THEIR EXPORATION PROGRAM. VISITORS REQUESTED NOS. SA 53 13-15 AND SB 53 1-3. THEY CLAIMED PERSUASIVELY THAT ACCESS TO THESE MAPS WILL SAVE THE COMPANY SIGNIFICANT TIME AND MONEY AND WILL ENRICH THE DATA PRODUCED BY THEIR EXPLORATION EFFORTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL MAP USERS. TO BE MOST USEFUL IN THEIR PROGRAM THE MAPS SHOULD BE FURNISHED WITHIN TWO WEEKS.
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3. VISITORS OFFERED TO PROVIDE DATA THEY MIGHT DEVELOP
IN THEIR COURSE OF THEIR RESEARCH AND SAID THEY COULD
PROVIDE RESULTS OF EXPLORATION ALREADY CONDUCTED IN SA
53 12, SA 54 9 AND 10; SA 53 14-16 AND SA 54 13 AND 14;
SB 53 2-4 AND SB 54 1 AND 2; SB 53 8 AND SB 54 5
AND 6, AND SB 54 9 AND 10. THESE DATA DEVELOPED IN FLYING
AND IN SOME CASES WALKING OVER THESE EXTREMELY RUGGED
AREAS AND INCLUDE CORRECTIONS OF TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURES,
LOCATIONS OF NUMEROUS SETTLEMENTS, AIRSTRIPS, ETC.,
SHOWN ON MAPS FROM WHICH THEY WERE WORKING -- SOME OF
WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE VISITORS, DMA PRODUCTS OBTAINED
EARLIER. NEWMONT REPRESENTATIVES UNDERTOOK TO RESPECT
ANY CONDITIONS THAT DMA MAY BE OBLIGED TO SET
ON USE OF MAPS.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT MAPS BE FURNISHED THE
EMBASSY ON AN URGENT BASIS FOR USE OF NEWMONT SUBSIDIARIES
ON STRENGTH OF CONSIDERATIONS MENTIONED PARAGRAPH 2. IF
DMA CAN AGREE TO RELEASE, PLEASE INFORM US OF ANY CONDITIONS
FOR USE THAT SHOULD BE RESPECTED BY NEWMONT, AND OF
PRICE FOR MAPS.

5. WE DO NOT PLAN TO PURSUE THE OFFER MADE BY NEWMONT'S
LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES TO FURNISH TOPOGRAPHIC AND RELATED
INFORMATION. ALTHOUGH WE KNOW OF NO PROHIBITION ON ITS
RELEASE TO US, WE BELIEVE ANY SUCH DATA USEFUL TO USG
MIGHT MORE SUITABLY BE SOUGHT THROUGH NEWMONT HOME OFFICE
IN NEW YORK.

6. REQUEST TELEGRAPHIC NOTIFICATION DMA DECISION ON
THIS REQUEST.
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